

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department), Permitting and Compliance Division, Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau, Solid Waste Program, received an application to make a major change in the license of a solid waste management system. The Department reviewed the application and determined it is complete. The name and address of the applicant is:

City of Hardin, 406 N. Cheyenne Ave., Hardin, MT 59034

The application is for the proposed expansion of the City of Hardin Class II landfill. The existing landfill is located approximately four miles east of Hardin and a quarter mile south of Sarpy Road. It occupies approximately 76 acres mostly in the northeast quarter (NE¼) of Section twenty-one (Sec. 21), Township one South (T. 1 S.), Range thirty-four East (R. 34 E.), M.P.M. The City proposes to license approximately 36 additional acres of City-owned land immediately south of the existing facility, which would add 20 acres of capacity for the disposal of about 653,600 cubic yards of municipal solid waste over 33 years.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the proposed action and to seek public participation in the decision-making process. To comply with the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.4.607(2), 608, 609, and 610, an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and a copy is available upon request from the Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau, Solid Waste Program, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or on the Department's website at http://www.deq.state.mt.us/ea/WasteMgt.asp. The public has thirty (30) days from the date of this notice to submit written comments concerning the proposal. The public can also submit comments via E-mail to the mailbox wutmbcomments@mt.gov. Please call (406) 444-5300 for information or help.

The Department will host a public meeting to provide information on the application process and answer questions about the proposal. The meeting will be held at the Hardin City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hardin, Montana, August 3, 2005 from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. Please contact Larry Vandersloot at (406) 665-9260 regarding the City's design documents. Persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the Department's Lisa Peterson at 444-2929.